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One Cent

GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATING SO-CALLED SPANISH SWINDLE

Department of State Takes
up Matter with Consul
in Spain.

LOCAL PEOPLE INTERESTED

Two Letters Sent Here Through
Which Attempt Was Made
to Secure Money.

Word has been received in Charleroi to the effect that the United States government will take up the matter of a band of Spanish swindlers, that are operating in various towns and cities in Spain who make a practice of writing to persons in the United States respecting the imprisonment of a relative and the guardianship of a child. Two letters trying to work the swindle game were received in Charleroi during the past year, the first coming to Lee Lutes, and the second to David Wagner. Fortunately they were recognized in the light of their true value, and no attention paid them.

The Department of State at Washington of the U. S. Government is working through the American-Consul General at Barcelona, Spain. The plan of the swindlers is to write to residents of the United States, the writer stating that he is confined in a prison and about to die, asks that his daughter be taken care of. There is a valise in a certain place containing a sum of money, but which takes a deposit to get it released. In case the person to whom the letter is addressed will agree to make the deposit and secure the valise, he is promised one-fourth of a large fortune. An alleged priest is brought into the picture, and writes finally by writing a letter in which he states that the unhappy prisoner was dead, and asking that immediate relief be extended that the poor daughter might be taken care of. Many extend this asked for relief, and make the deposit for the valise, thinking thereby they will profit, but after that everything is dropped.

The letters received in Charleroi were somewhat different however, but bearing the near marks of being written by the same persons. They were to the effect that a noted Russian banker has absconded leaving a deposit of some millions of rubles, killed in a quarrel in England another Russian, and finally took refuge in Spain, where he was apprehended and charged with manslaughter. The remainder of the story is practically the same. Every effort has been made by the Department of State and its representatives in Spain to unmask these scoundrels and bring them to justice. The Spanish law is peculiar however, in that felony must be committed before the police may act, and in this case, there would be no felony, until after the crime had been committed and then it would be too late.

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Two Cent Fare Gets Good Jolt

Judge Van Swearingen Hands
Down Important Opinion
in Fayette.

The 2-cent fare on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad in Fayette county ended yesterday afternoon when Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen handed down a decree granting a permanent injunction against Fayette county, restraining it from prosecuting the railroad in case the 2-cent fare law is violated. The railroad asked an injunction, claiming it could not operate under the 2 cent rate.

THROWN OUT OF SALOON

Two Are Held in Connection
with Death of Monongahela Man.

Charles Cunningham, and Harry Thorne, of Clarksburg, W. Va., were held under bond by the coroner's jury yesterday, in connection with the death of George Boalo, at Clarksburg, on last Sunday morning. Boalo was a Monongahela man, who had been employed as a glassworker in Clarksburg. On Saturday night at 12 o'clock he was ejected from the Traders' saloon, it is stated, and from the force fell to the pavement, his skull being fractured in two places. He was picked up and taken to the lockup where a physician was called, but who failed to recognize the danger, and did practically nothing. The next morning another physician was called and had the man taken to the hospital, where he died at 10 o'clock. It is intimated that there will be some sensational developments.

DANCE INTERESTING AFFAIR LAST NIGHT

The first dance of a series of three subscription dances being given by a party of Charleroi young people was held at the Bank of Charleroi Hall last evening. The crowd was not large, but an enjoyable time was had by all those who attended. A buffet lunch was served at about 11 o'clock. There were a number out of town guests present, among them being: Miss Dora Potter of Mansfield, Ohio, H. Dallas McCabe, Miss Dorothy Ferran and William Cleaver, of Monessen; Misses Jean and Mildred Brown, Mrs. C. E. Miller and Miss Laura Hale, of Pittsburgh; Benjamin Binns and Roland Hoops of Donora. The second dance of the series will be held on Tuesday, January 25, to be known as the New Year Dance. Last night's affair was known as the Christmas Dance, and the hall was beautifully decorated, a Christmas tree forming a part of the decoration. The patronesses were: Mrs. George W. Cooper, Mrs. J. Clive Enos, Mrs. L. P. Flickenger, Jr., Mrs. George W. Night, and Mrs. Earl E. Piper.

DETECTIVES AND POSTAL OFFICERS SEARCHING FOR CLUES TO BURGLARY

Letter Containing Nearly \$40 Opened Apparently
While in Transit and the Amount
Taken Therefrom.

MONEY WAS SENT BY MONESSEN WOMAN TO SISTER

United States inspectors and detectives are at work on a postal irregularity that is confined to the narrow limits of the territory between Monessen and West Brownsville. A letter mailed at Monessen one day last week was rifled of \$38.40, the envelope being found open by the rural free delivery carrier of route No. 1 out of Brownsville. Mrs. Mary Crouch of Centerville,

this county, has property in Monessen and has been accustomed to receive the rentals in currency by mail from her sister, Mrs. Alice Sibbitt, of Monessen, who collects them and sends the money by letter to Centerville, which place has no bank or postoffice to cash orders. All other remittances have gone through safely, but it appears that the forty cents in change gave this letter away. No clue of theft has been discovered as yet.

Too Much Mustard for Jennie Hardsock who Has Rep for Cussing

Squire with Funny Name Counts
up \$21 Worth for Woman
with Funnier Name.

Cussing doesn't pay in Claysville, especially when it happens in the hearing and jurisdiction of Justice W. M. Mustard, of that borough. This intelligence was sadly learned by Jennie Hardsock, also known as Jennie Brownlee, yesterday morning when she was arraigned before Justice Mustard for a hearing on the charge of drunk and disorderly.

She indulged in remarks while the hearing was in progress which were said to be decidedly unseemly for a justice's office. Cuss words were frequent and after being admonished that they were expensive, court was kept, and when the hearing was over eight dollars worth of cussedness was charged up. This with a fine of \$10 and costs made a total of \$21, and this not being forthcoming, Officer Laird installed the culprit in Sheriff Murphy's domicile in Washington.

The three men arrested Monday night at the Hardsock home, on the charge of drunk and disorderly were given the same fine with the alternative of 30 days in Washington. "Jim Tom" Clemens paid, "Skinny" Maishman and Frank Anderson did not; ergo they are thinking the matter over in the county home for delinquents.

CORONER'S JURY SAYS M'MAHAN'S DEATH WAS NOT DUE TO ACCIDENT

Condition was Chronic, and
Injuries Did Not Occasion
His Demise.

The funeral of Alexander McMahan, of Monessen was held this morning from St. Leonard's Catholic church, Monessen. A post mortem examination of the body was made yesterday afternoon, and a coroner's inquest held by Coroner McMurry, of Westmoreland county, to inquire into the cause of his death. The jury rendered a verdict to the effect that death was resultant to a "hemorrhage following a calcareous degeneration of the brain." Physicians testified that his death was not occasioned by the effects of the accident sustained by McMahan in November, when he was injured by a fall.

Slackwater Ice Bound

The U. S. Engineers' steamboat, Slackwater, is ice bound up the river at Morgantown, W. Va., where she was located before the present cold weather set in. As the Slackwater's headquarters are at North Charleroi, many of the crew are residents of this community, and have not been able to visit their families for some time.

Anderson Wins

The contest which has been on for second lieutenant of Company A, at Vernon from Uniontown that viewers Monongahela, made vacant by the promotion of Lieut. H. Edson Teeple, has been amicably settled by one of the candidates, J. Harry Louttit, withdrawing in favor of his opponent, George A. Anderson.

Toothbrush of New Species Unearthed at the County Seat

Man Asks for Something with
Which to Clean Teeth and
Gets Suds.

A few days ago a gentleman walked into a Washington drug store and asked for a tooth brush, says the Washington Record. The "drug" clerk walked back behind the prescription case and was soon sauntering toward the customer with two bottles of beer, at the same time asking "Do you want them wrapped up?" Not wishing to reveal his ignorance the customer responded in the affirmative. The real truth was the customer had inadvertently stumbled upon the password and not willing to admit his discovery carried away the beer and bought the tooth brush elsewhere.

Shot a Wild Goose

Last week Harry Bane, of North Strabane township, shot a 12-pound wild goose. This goose which he shot was noticed flying about in the air about 100 feet above the ground and seemed to be lost. He brought it down at the first shot.

Notice

The Protected Home Circle will have a New Year's tree at the hall on Friday night, December 31, for members only. 11112

YOUNG CALIFORNIA PEOPLE INJURED IN SLEIGHING ACCIDENT

Sleigh Goes Over Steep Bank
and Pulls Horse
After It

Harry Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edwards, of California, and Miss Ruth Gregg, the daughter of John Gregg of the same place, were hurt in a sleighing accident, at California last evening. They were driving along in a sleigh between California and Grandville, when the sleigh gliding too near the edge of a bank slipped over, and pulling the horse after it, was precipitated down the steep bank for about 50 feet. Both the young people were thrown out. They were found there by Malcolm Mahaney. Miss Gregg is said to be seriously hurt. Her head is cut badly and an arm injured. She is under the care of Dr. Paxton. The sleigh was entirely wrecked.

O'Leary Wins

John O'Leary defeated Joseph Glancy for National delegate to the miners' convention at Indianapolis at an election by the local of Alice mine at Roscoe last night. The election was a hot one, and several National organizers were present in the community during the campaign. Mr. O'Leary has attended conventions, and is well qualified for the position.

Veivers Appointed

Word has been received at Belle Vernon from Uniontown that viewers have been appointed by the Fayette county court to act in the effort to secure a joint county bridge between Belle Vernon and Speers. The Civic Club of the former place is backing the project.

WOMAN DIES FROM WOUNDS RECEIVED ON NOVEMBER 29

Larger Business
Means More Deaths

Fatalities Increase on Account
of the Extra Amount of
Traffic.

The State Railroad Commission records show 104 fatal and 340 non-fatal accidents on the railroads of Pennsylvania in November, as compared with 79 fatal and 664 non-fatal accidents in the same month last year. The trolley lines in November killed 13 and hurt 292, as compared with 17 killed and 274 hurt in November, 1908. The increased casualties on the steam roads are attributed to the large volume of business.

LOCAL MEN DELEGATES

Y. M. C. A. Convention in
Rochester, N. Y., will
be Big Affair.

William ("Bull") McCleary, and Alex. Gray, two prominent gridiron athletes, left Charleroi last evening for Rochester, N. Y., as delegates from the Pennsylvania State College to the great annual student volunteer Y. M. C. A. convention. The convention will this year be attended by over 6,000 delegates, representing every college in America. President Taft will probably be among the many prominent men to address the earnest body of college men. The record this year shows that Yale stands first among all the colleges with an enrollment of 1,020 active members. Penn State is second with 960 members out of a student body of 1,450, while Dartmouth is third with 700 Y. M. C. A. workers. Captain "Ted" Coy the Yale gridiron star will lead the delegation from that place of fifty men. Among State's thirty-five representatives are five varsity foot ball men—McCleary, Gray, Voorhis, Piolette and Brown. Captain Tobin of Dartmouth will also be at the gathering.

COAL FALLS ON BRAKEMAN'S HEAD

Scalp Wound Results Which
Necessitates Attention
of Physician.

D. A. Hiller, a brakeman on the local division of the P. R. R., was injured last night about the head, while making a coupling of coal cars, near the Charleroi coal mines. Hiller was in between two cars, when a lump of coal from one of the cars fell, striking him on the head. The injury was dressed by Dr. J. K. Smith, and the man taken to his home in Elrama. The accident happened at about 8:30 o'clock.

Beat His Mother-in-Law

Washington has a citizen who beat his mother-in-law. This is John Depoe, who did the deed last night while intoxicated, and he was locked up for the offense.

County Has Added Another
Murder to Its Already
Large List.

REFERRED TO CORONER

Likely Some Action Will be
Taken Soon to Apprehend One
Said to be Criminal.

At an inquest held in Pittsburg on Thursday of last week before James P. Loughery, deputy coroner, the jury found that Maud Walters came to her death on Friday, December 3, at the West Penn hospital, Pittsburg, from injuries received by being struck over the head with a chair in the hands of William Price, at the home of William Walker at Primrose, Washington county, on November 29, 1909.

The matter has been referred to this county for further investigation and a copy of the proceedings before the Allegheny county coroner has been received by Coroner James T. Heffran. William Price is a fugitive from justice.

The testimony before the coroner's jury brought out the fact that the trouble, in which Miss Walters was injured, occurred at the home of William Walker, in block 15 of the Carnegie Coal company's houses at Primrose. Mrs. Lulu Brown, a sister of the dead woman, testified that William Price, William Walker and others were at the Walker home on the night of November 29. During the evening a quarrel arose among the persons there, a fight started, and during the melee William Price struck Miss Walters over the head with a chair. The sister said she was removed from the Walker house to her home, and Dr. J. M. Moore of Midway, was called. He sent the woman to the West Penn hospital, Pittsburg, where she died on December 3.

Dr. W. H. Weber testified that the woman died from a fractured skull and concussion of the brain.

Coroner Heffran will take the matter up with District Attorney C. L. V. Acheson and steps may be taken to apprehend Price.

TURNERS HOLD ENTERTAINMENT

Children Given Their Annual
Christmas Treat Last
Night.

The Charleroi Turn Verein held their annual Christmas entertainment and gave their annual Children's treat last night at the Turner Hall. The usual Christmas tree was in evidence, and the various children of the members were given treats consisting of the finest boxes of candy, apples and oranges. The members were remembered with nice tokens.

The entertainment was most enjoyable. Music was furnished by the Turn Verein orchestra, and the Palace Theatre orchestra. The hall was crowded, and the affair was regarded as one of the most enjoyable ever held by the local society.

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Dec. 29 in American History.

1778—Savannah, Ga., captured by the British.
1808—Andrew Johnson, seventeenth president of the United States, born; died 1875.
1890—Battle of Wounded Knee Creek, between Sioux hostiles and United States soldiers.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 4:37, rises 7:20; moon rises 7:37 p. m.

The Two-Cent Rate

Judge Van Swearingen's decree yesterday, granting a permanent injunction against Fayette county restraining it from prosecuting the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company for violating the two-cent fare law, removes the last trace of that legislative act in this section of the State. This act, which was designed to restrict railroads from charging excessive rates, and limiting the passenger rate to two cents a mile, has been declared unconstitutional by the courts, on the grounds that the State cannot compel a corporation to whom it grants a charter to charge a certain rate if that concern can show that its business is unprofitable by reason of that rate. As this was easy to do, in the face of watered stock, over-capitalization and skillful bookkeeping, railroads are once more privileged to charge all that the public will stand.

Perhaps if all railroad franchises to be granted hereafter were subject to a two-cent passenger rate, means would be found to compel existing railroads enjoying State franchises to comply with the same regulation. It was the late President Garfield who contended that a constitutional provision, State or National, was not final. "The people created it," he argued, "and they have the inalienable right to change it to meet existing conditions. Surely, the creator is greater than the creature." Had a two-cent passenger rate been a stipulation with every railroad charter granted, it would have been no trouble at all for any of the companies to comply with its provisions. This is a matter that can still be remedied, if the people go after it persistently and patiently.

Public Bath Houses

The erection of a mammoth bath house for the use of the miners at the Marianna mines by the Pittsburgh-Buffalo Coal company is putting into operation a civic feature practiced by many of the large municipalities of European countries. In these cities are erected public bath houses which working people can not only use daily for personal purposes, but where women can for a nominal sum do their family washing and ironing. While some of the other mines in this section have installed this feature as a

side issue, the Marianna people will conduct it on a scale that makes it a part of the operation of the plant. Those who are at all acquainted with mining operations are aware of the difficulties and inconveniences that surround the miners in this respect. Few of the homes are equipped with bath rooms where those who work in the pit can perform the daily ablutions necessary to those who follow that occupation. In many instances the living room is utilized as a bath room, particularly in the foreign quarters, which are more or less crowded. This adds to the squalid conditions that prevail in the homes of many of these foreigners who follow mining and other public works. The action of the Pittsburgh-Buffalo company will do much to raise the standard in the homes of its operatives, and it will be far reaching.

Wild Cat Schemes

The action of the Butler Chamber of Commerce in conducting a campaign of education to show up wild cat stock propositions in their true light is one that can be followed with profit in any community. No town has suffered more than Charleroi in this respect, and the hundreds of thousands of dollars that have been dumped into gold mining and other worthless schemes during the past few years bear eloquent attest to gullibility of those who are attracted by the lure of the strange. It is stated by one who has kept close tabs on this sort of business that half a million dollars is not too large a sum to estimate for the amount that has been expended in Charleroi in worthless securities or in schemes at a distance that did not "pan out."

Had this amount been invested in small industries or other business enterprises here at home where the stockholders would have had a voice in the conduct of the business, in all probability the bulk of it would today be realizing at least legal interest to the investors, besides producing valuable products and furnishing employment to more people. The cooperative store here is an example of what can be done in this line. Many small business enterprises that were perfectly feasible have languished or failed entirely for lack of adequate working capital to put them on a stable basis. It is the multitude of small concerns that go to make up a prosperous community, and the opportunities here at home are infinitely safer for investment than any of the wild cat schemes that are now being promoted with the return of prosperity.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

An ordinance book may prove mighty dull reading for some people, but to the man who is intending committing a felony, it might be regarded as a standard publication.

Now here's a man who truly appreciates the right of women to vote. When a man started to play with a gun he placed himself behind a woman's skirts.

The valuation of Greene county has increased somewhat, according to the reports of assessors. Upon what provocation?

An asylum has been proffered Zelaya. The question is will he have sense enough left to take advantage of this ingenious offer for his safety?

The Connellsville region has become a regular roosting place for crooks. Wonder if its because of the warmth from the coke ovens?

What's the use of discovering the North Pole if you are unable to lecture about it?

When the United States government goes to work to protect their people from swindlers in Europe, you can bet your bottom dollar they are going to protect them if they have to lick all the countries of that continent.

Some people are never so happy as when they get to cleaning up.

While a short time ago it was a question of finding the North Pole, now it is a question of finding one Dr. Cool.

"Dam the Yough" is the cry of Connellsville residents. Yes, con-

found it, dam it, and quit your cursing.

It's up to some fellow to write a poem on the snow, the snow the beautiful snow, that will fit the present conditions. He don't need to care much what he says, but heaven help the man who prints it.

The Christmas turkey is generally being finished up about three days after with turkey soup.

THE STATE POLICE

In view of our own Christmas experiences in the matter of lawlessness, the following from the Philadelphia Press in regard to the State police is timely. The Press says:

"The atrocious assault and robbery of a farmer and his wife near Media calls attention again to the helplessness of the dwellers in the country without the protection of police. Criminals care nothing for municipal boundaries. They are more numerous in the city, because more booty can be obtained there by the same effort, but they are ready to invade the most peaceful hamlet if a rumor of money stored there lures them. Some of the worst cases of burglary, arson and murder have taken place in the country. It's there that protection should be given.

"Our State constabulary are doing a noble work in maintaining order and affording protection to different points in the Commonwealth. But they are a mere handful. What is needed in addition is a mounted rural police. Some of the suburban townships near Philadelphia have had the protection of such a body, but it has never been adapted and maintained as a system. Property of value is exposed in the country districts at the danger of robbery, human life is not safe, and unprotected women live in great peril because lawlessness is unopposed by a visible representation of the power of the law.

"The country districts, especially the densely populated counties in this section of the State, should have better protection. A mounted rural police would keep an oversight over tramps and suspicious characters, compel them to explain their business and arrest them if they cannot give a good account of themselves. Saturday vagrants would no longer terrorize the country if such a force were in existence. A rural police would make a neighborhood undesirable for the evil disposed, who prefer places where there is no probability of their being questioned before their crime is committed or interfered with when engaged in it, and arrested and punished if they persist in their evil course and actually commit the crime which they have in their hearts.

"A city would not be habitable without a police force to keep the criminals in awe. The country side would be infinitely more desirable for residence if its dangers were offset and checked by a mounted rural police."

MADE HIT WITH ACT IN THE FAR WEST

C. W. Albright, Jr., Otherwise "The Great Vandergould" Returns Home.

C. W. Albright, Jr., known to the stage as "The Great Vandergould," returned yesterday from the far Southwest where he has been playing on the Great Western circuit. Albright has made a great hit in the west with his handcuff, milk can, and other acts, and is proving one of the most popular men on the Great Western. He came here direct from Texas, where he has spent most of the time during the past few months. He played in Oklahoma, New Mexico and other Southwestern States, and was in Mexico for awhile. His assistant, Charles W. Russell, stopped off en route at Kansas City for a while but will likely arrive here in the course of a day or two.

WAS THE FOURTH OF A GENERATION

Robert Woods, Jr., four months old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woods, of Vesta, died Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. The funeral was held this morning from the residence at 10 o'clock. Interment was in Howe's cemetery. The death of the child breaks an interesting line. Two weeks ago there were four generations living of the Robert Woods family—now there are but two. The child's great-grandfather died about a fortnight ago.

WOMAN IS CHARGED WITH THE LARCENY OF DIAMOND RING

Charged with theft of a diamond ring valued at \$125 and belonging to Dr. H. H. Lewis, of South Wade avenue, Washington, Mrs. Harry Radcliffe who resides in the Gordon valley was Monday evening arrested by State Trooper D. W. Bell and lodged in the county jail to await a hearing on charges of larceny and larceny by bailee. Local officers had been on the hunt of Mrs. Radcliffe since December 21, when Robert Snowden, aged 21 years, was arrested by Constable E. E. Cummins on similar charges.

An unusual story is back of the arrest of Mrs. Radcliffe and Snowden. According to the statements of the officers in the case Mrs. Radcliffe some months ago borrowed \$25 from Dr. Lewis giving a diamond ring as security. Some time later she sent the money to the physician by Snowden and Dr. Lewis gave the young man what he thought was Mrs. Radcliffe's ring. Shortly afterwards Mrs. Radcliffe returned this ring by Snowden stating it was not hers and Dr. Lewis gave Snowden another diamond ring he had in his safe at the time.

A few days later he discovered he had given Snowden a valuable ring belonging to Mrs. Lewis and he notified Mrs. Radcliffe to this effect. A ring was at once sent to Dr. Lewis but an examination by a local jeweler showed this ring to be worth about \$1.50. Dr. Lewis at once made information against Mrs. Radcliffe and Snowden.

Snowden was quickly arrested but Mrs. Radcliffe vanished. It is said she went from Washington to Pittsburgh. After the failure to locate the woman the State police were called in the case and Trooper Bell went to Pittsburgh, where he learned Mrs. Radcliffe had left that city. It is said she went from there to her former home at Elm Grove. Monday evening she returned home and shortly afterwards Trooper Bell appeared at the home and placed her under arrest. She was unable to secure bail when taken to the justice's office and was placed in jail.

Mrs. Radcliffe has been in the limelight before. About two years ago she was shot in her own home, it being claimed she had attempted to end her life. She hovered for weeks between life and death, but finally recovered.

IT'S YOUR KIDNEYS

Don't Mistake the Cause of Your Troubles. A Charleroi Citizen Shows How to Cure Them.

Many people never suspect their kidneys. If suffering from a lame, weak or aching back they think that it is only a muscular weakness; when urinary troubles sets in they think it will soon correct itself. And so it is with all the other symptoms of kidney disorders. That is just where the danger lies. You must cure these troubles or they may lead to diabetes or Bright's disease. The best remedy to use is Doan's Kidney Pills. It cures all ills which are caused by weak or diseased kidneys. Charleroi people testify to permanent cures.

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Monessen Woman Fortunate

The Peoples Store of Charleroi has just decided the successful person and has just awarded to Mrs. Bertha Shaffer, of Twelfth street, Monessen, the child's automobile which was given as a Christmas present to one of the firm's patrons. Mrs. Shaffer proved the fortunate lady and received the vehicle, which is a handsome affair.

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PROMOTERS BUSY AT PRESENT TIME OVER THE COUNTRY

"Since the return of better times New Castle is again being flooded with circulars from gold mine, oil well, fruit plantation and other promoters. Few letters were received here during the panic as the promoters of the get rich quick concerns knew the returns would not be sufficient to pay postage," says the New Castle News.

"Now that the evidences of returning prosperity are on every hand, the circulating of the 'sucker list' as it is known, is again commencing. A 'sucker' in the parlance of the promoter is one who subscribes for so many shares of stock in some concern hundreds of miles away and about which he knows absolutely nothing except what is printed on the glowing literature of the promoters.

"It is estimated that in the three or four years preceding the panic, fully half a million dollars went out of New Castle for which absolutely no return, was received except a lot of gaudily printed stock certificates. This estimate does not include the thousands of dollars lost by the 'investors' in the Amsterdam Diamond company, which went a little in advance of the ordinary 'get rich quick' proposition and was impudent enough to open an office right here in the city.

"If the thousands who have lost their hard earnings in alleged gold mines could go out through the Rocky mountain and see the hundreds of little holes where prospectors have dug a few feet into the ground and then capitalized their excavation at anywhere from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000, and sold stock to Eastern investors, they would never again bite at a gold stock proposition, no matter how much gilt was used in printing the literature.

"Realizing the tendency of the public to invest in worthless stocks on the mere promises of unknown promoters, the Butler Chamber of Commerce is just now conducting a campaign of education. Several meetings have been held at which business men have shown up the wild cat stock proposition in its true light. Citizens are being urged to invest their money in home industries and it is being shown that the half million which is said to have been sent out of Butler for worthless stock would have brought to the city industries which would have been of permanent benefit to the community.

"The same benefits could be secured for New Castle if the money which is being squandered for stock certificates of no more value than the paper upon which they were written, was subscribed to help some home industry. There are hundreds of people in New Castle who could subscribe for stock in some small industry here if the opportunity were presented, and instead of the city being at a stand still, it might be going forward like Youngstown and some other towns in this vicinity.

"All that New Castle needs is a Chamber of Commerce, or some other body of men, who can throw aside selfish interests and get busy for the common good of the city. Then the money that is being sent away for worthless stock certificates can be kept at home."

Mrs. L. S. Brown and children of McKeesport, are guests at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Flickinger of McKean avenue.

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Thomas P. Sloan, Samuel C. Taylor and John H. Bowers have been appointed inspectors for the Maple Creek bridge between the borough of T. light and Charleroi.

Health Notice

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LINK SMITH DIES AT COUNTY HOME

Word was received this morning from the county home at Arden of the death there of Link Smith, colored, who was taken there about a week ago, suffering from tuberculosis. Smith died at 5 o'clock this morning. It will be remembered that it was his wife who is charged with having tried to burn up a house on Lookout avenue in which resided a family by the name of Pesse and the Smiths themselves. At this time Link Smith was scarcely able to move from his bed, but he was taken to the county home a few weeks later, on account of there being no one to take care of him. It is likely that the body will be buried in the county burying ground.

Ordinance No.

An ordinance vacating part of Fifth street between East Railroad Street and West Railroad Street.
Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Burgess and the Town Council of the Borough of North Charleroi, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same that that part of Fifth Street bounded and described as follows: From the West Side of East Railroad Street to the East Side of West Railroad Street. Being the present Fifth street, crossing over the Pennsylvania Railroad be and the same is hereby vacated.
Enacted into an ordinance this day of —1910.

President of Council.

Secretary. D22 29, J5

Classified Ads

FOR SALE—Five gas heaters. See Higgins, 109 Fallowfield. 1102

LOST—On McKean or Fallowfield avenue, a Teddy Bear. Finder return to Susie Province, Saxon Cafe. 11221

FOR RENT—Two large well lighted rooms for light housekeeping. 819 Fallowfield avenue. 11222

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LOCAL NOTES

Brief Mention of People and Events in this Community.

Miss Margaret Brightwell of Fallowfield avenue is spending the day in Donora with friends.

F. C. MacHale is spending the day in Pittsburg visiting friends and transacting business.

Mrs. W. H. Reese left yesterday for Clearfield, where she spent some time with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Thomas and children of Arnold, were here yesterday to attend the funeral of Virginia Rouse, at North Charleroi.

Miss Harriett Jolliffe and Bruce Barnett were in Pittsburg last evening to witness "Ben Hur," at the Nixon theatre.

Miss Dora Potter, of Mansfield, Ohio, is a guest of her uncle, William Potter, a few days.

Oscar Weinberg spent yesterday afternoon and last evening in Pittsburg at his home.

Miss Mabel Mountsier, an instructor in Miss Jacobs' private school in New York city, is home visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mountsier, during the holidays.

Mrs. Harry Cook of Urbana, Ohio, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Allie Emrick, of Fallowfield avenue.

Robert Mountsier, a student at Columbia University in New York, is home for the holiday vacation.

Police Officer George McDowd is transacting business today in Pittsburg.

Miss Laura Hale of Pittsburg is a guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. Clive Enos, of Crest avenue.

Misses Mildred and Jean Brown, of Pittsburg are spending a few days in Charleroi the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Ferguson.

Mrs. W. H. Harper of Meadville is a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. O. Davis of Fallowfield avenue. She is accompanied by her daughter, Miss Florence Harper.

Rev. J. T. Hackett, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, on Sunday was presented with a purse of \$50 by the Ladies Aid society of the church. The John G. Paton Bible class, of which he is his teacher in the Sunday school, presented him with a handsome Bible of the best make.

JACOB GLASSER

GETS IN WRONG

Despite the fact that he was taking no part, Christmas festivities resulted in a peculiar manner rather seriously to Jacob Glasser, a coal miner of Bulger, this county. He is now in a Pittsburg hospital suffering from a bullet wound in his side. His condition is very serious.

Glasser resides in a double house, the other side of which is occupied by Lindsay Edwards, a colored man. On Christmas night when the festivities were at their height William Palmer a colored man, entered the Edwards home. He entered into the enjoyment of the evening with ten other men and in some manner a large 44 caliber revolver dropped from Palmer's pocket to the floor. The weapon was discharged and the ball went tearing through the dividing wall of the house. Glasser was quietly sleeping on the other side of the thin partition and the bullet entered his side.

AGED CARMICHAELS

RESIDENT IS DEAD

Edward Stilwell, one of the best known citizens of Carmichaels, died suddenly at 11 o'clock Monday night at the Hotel Wills, at McDonald, Pa., where he was visiting his nephew, Mr. Wills, who is the proprietor of the hotel. Mr. Stilwell, who was 73 years of age, had been in his usual robust health up to the time of his retiring on Monday evening, and his sudden death came as a great shock to his friends and relatives. Mr. Stilwell was born in England and came to this country when a boy of 14 years. He was a prominent and long time member of the Carmichaels lodge I. O. O. F., and was a staunch Republican in politics. He is survived by four sons and two daughters, as follows: George and William, of Carmichaels; Simon, of Masontown; Edward, of San Francisco, Cal.; Mrs. Albert Metz, of Lock No. 4, and Mrs. Anna Luse, of Carmichaels. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon, from his late home. Interment in Laurel Point cemetery.

Wedding Tonight

At the home of Rev. J. T. Hackett, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, this evening will take place the wedding of Miss Cora M. Kline and Frank L. McClure, both of Charleroi. Mr. McClure is a well known merchant, and Miss Kline is one of Charleroi's popular and accomplished young ladies.

AN INTELLIGENT DOG.

What a Clever Collie Did With His Master's Plaid.
The shepherds who live among the hills and on the plains of Scotland have to travel many miles a day while looking after their flocks of sheep, but they would have to travel a great deal more if they had not with them some very clever collie dogs.
These little four footed friends are so wise and clever that their masters could not do without them. To show you how clever these doggies are the following story is told of one of them.
One day a Scotch shepherd was caught in a rain shower, and when he arrived home his plaid, which he wore over his back in place of an overcoat, was quite wet through.
But he just took it off and gave it to his collie dog, and doggle at once went into another room, carrying the plaid in his mouth.
And what do you think he did with it there? Why, to the astonishment of an English gentleman who had followed to watch, doggle went and sat on the hearth in front of a big fire and there he held out the plaid over his paws.
And he turned it about and about in front of the fire until both sides of the plaid were quite dry. Then he took it back to his master.

More Than Liberal.

Mr. Highmus—You gave your son a liberal education, did you not? Mr. Muntobura—Disgustingly liberal. He four years at college cost me \$27,000. Chicago Tribune.

The Chauffeur's Repulse.

An elderly colonel in a New York club is very inquisitive, and there is no question he hesitates to ask. The other day he saw drawn up before a hotel a fine motor car, and at the wheel of the car sat a chauffeur who had formerly been in his own employ. The colonel stopped and asked the chauffeur who his master was, how he liked his job and what wages he drew. The chauffeur answered these questions politely. There was a cold shiver in his eye, though. He was waiting for an opening. It came when inquisitive old colonel said:
"Er—Gaston, what—er—how—did your employer pay for this car?"
"The fact is, sir," the chauffeur answered promptly, "I never had impudence to ask him."

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to give those an opportunity who could not attend, and at the same time to clean up our odds and ends. Remember we still have big bargains in Good Footwear and it will pay you to attend while you get the chance to buy Shoes and Rubbers when you need them at

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ARE TOO BUSY TO SHUT DOWN

Only Short Vacation Is Given Wage Earners For Christmas Celebration

DEMANDS ARE VERY URGENT

State Newspapers Tell Eloquent Stories of Prosperity in Their Several Sections--Brief But Eloquent Editorial on the Tariff--Hint to Rural Republicans.

Reports are that the holiday business in every section of Pennsylvania was unusually good and from many sections of the State come the comforting report that all records were broken by the volume of business done. The people had an abundance of money. The merchants had confidence and a great variety of wares and the people and the merchants got together in a business way that was highly agreeable and entirely profitable.

The Christmas business throughout Pennsylvania tells an eloquent story of prosperous conditions in a prosperous State. Such conditions promote general contentment and advance the hopeful feelings which have been manifesting themselves since the enactment by the United States Congress of the tariff legislation which is now the law.

Probably the surest and safest guarantee of the prosperous conditions now prevailing in the industrial world of this State is to be found in the official statement issued from the big iron and steel mills at Braddock and Rankin, the Westinghouse works at Wilmerding and East Pittsburgh, the iron and steel mills at Sharon and many of the industries in and about Pittsburgh. All these works were closed on Friday afternoon last for Christmas day. The workmen at a majority of the places were paid the wages they had earned up to that time and with the pay envelopes came to each of the vast army of wage earners that the mills would not follow the usual custom of remaining idle during the entire holiday week but would resume work on Monday morning of this week, which was done. This was not a charitable turn. It was simply necessary to meet the demands of business. It was the result, pure and simple, of the magnificent tariff legislation under which the business conditions of the United States are now operating.

The Washington (Pa.) "Record," the leading Republican newspaper of Washington county, where 10 years ago the principal industry was sheep raising, but which today is one of the leading counties of the State in industrial development, gives out this cheerful Christmas story:

"Fire is being placed in 150 of the new coke ovens recently constructed at Braznell, near Bentleyville. One hundred and fifty of the 300 ovens have already been fired and it is expected that the entire number will soon be ready for use.

"The washer which is being constructed at the same point is nearing completion. All the coal from the mines between Bentleyville and Monongahela will be coked at Braznell and the first of the year will see one of the greatest industrial booms that has ever visited that section of the county."

No wonder that the rich and poor alike enjoyed the Christmas festival this year as it has rarely been enjoyed before and is it therefore any great wonder that the wage earner and wage payer join heartily in approval of the brief but eloquent editorial recently written by the editor of the "Keystone Gazette," of Bellefonte Pa. Incidentally the "Keystone Gazette" is one of the very best Republican papers in this or any other State. It is read with interest wherever it circulates. Its editor says:

"Anybody who still talks Tariff, and who is trying to create discussion, is an enemy to the Republican party, an enemy to business and an enemy to progress and prosperity. The new Tariff has injured no one. It is not going to injure anyone. It is going to bring us the greatest measure of prosperity we ever enjoyed. As the president says, it is the duty of every one to give it a chance. Confidence is restored. Capital is confident and plentiful--full employment and high wages will follow. Let the Democrats and Populists and insurgents keep up the debate if they will, but let every good Republican accept the law his party passed and his President signed and get all the benefits that are coming from renewed industrial activity and record breaking production, transportation and trade."

In the face of existing conditions the "Keystone Gazette" has left precious little to be said on the tariff question. The advice is good. It is being accepted generally in generous portions. The boom in business and the very general celebration of Christmas are the proofs. Prosperity, head on, is coming too fast and too strong to be halted or stayed by those who have theories only to exploit.

The "New Kensington Keystone" gives the following timely advice to the country Republicans:

"Saturday, January 1, is the last day for filing petitions of candidates for borough and township offices to be

selected at the February election. The winter primaries will be held on Saturday, the 22d of January, and the petitions must be filed in the county commissioners' office not later than three weeks before the primaries. These petitions must be signed by not less than ten qualified electors of the district in which the candidates reside, and the signers must all belong to the same party as the candidate.

"A good plan is for the Republicans of each district to hold a naming meeting before the 1st of January. Get at least ten Republicans together, or as many more if possible, and each can sign the petitions of all the candidates named. Blank forms of petitions can be procured from the clerk to the commissioners upon application."

AFTER THE BATTLE.

An Incident That Seemed to Explain Joshua's Miracle.

There was an incident in our life at Brandy, connected with Gettysburg, which is worth relating. Batchelder, whose map of the battlefield of Gettysburg is authority and whom we had fallen in with while we were there, asked to join our mess at Brandy when he came to the army to verify the positions of the various commands. One night we had just sat down to dinner when he entered our big hospital tent, quite tired.

"Well," he announced after taking his place at the table, "I have been down in the Second corps today, and I believe I have discovered how Joshua made the sun stand still. I first went to -- regiment and had the officer mark on the map the hour of their position at a certain point. Then I went to -- regiment in the same brigade. They declared positively it was one or two hours earlier or later than that given by the other. So it went on, no two regiments or brigades agreeing, and if I hinted that some of them must certainly be mistaken they would set me down by saying with severe dignity, 'We were there, Batchelder, and we ought to know, I guess,' and I made up my mind that it would take a day of at least twenty hours instead of thirteen at Gettysburg to satisfy their accounts. So when Joshua's captains got around him after the fight and they began to talk it over the only way under the heavens that he could ever harmonize their statements was to make the sun stand still and give them all a chance."

Any one who has ever tried to establish the exact position or hour when anything took place in an engagement will confirm Batchelder's experience, and possibly, if not too orthodox, accept his explanation of Joshua's feat. --Morris Schaff in Atlantic.

An Indignant Beggar.

Flashing a roll of bills in the face of a haughty individual who had refused to give him alms and who had added further insults to this injury by heaping ridicule upon him, a very typical beggar at Corcoran pulled off a stunt that brought down jeers upon the uncharitable young man. This beggar would have passed muster anywhere for one of the finished type and could safely have walked unharmed at midnight through a wilderness infested with thieves without his poverty once being questioned. There was not a whole thread in the warp and woof of his shirt that extended from seam to seam, and only an expert sartorial artist could have detected which openings were those originally made in the garment for putting it on and off. Just what portion of those rags was solid and strong enough to retain the roll of bills is a marvelous enigma. --Mexican Herald.

Likewise Mistaken.

A small boy was fishing on Sunday morning. He had a basket of fish alongside of him. A clergyman happened to see him and, going over to where he was busily watching the job, said:

"You naughty, cruel boy! Don't you know that it is a sin to fish on the Sabbath? Besides the sin, think of the cruelty of it--taking the poor little worm out of the ground and sticking that nasty sharp hook through its body."

"That ain't no worm. That's an artificial fly!" answered the boy.

"Ah, I was mistaken," said the preacher.

"So were these fish," said the boy, picking up the basket and showing them to the clergyman. --New York Sun.

The Use of Iron.

Iron has been known to men for a very long time. In the time of the Assyrians it was extensively used, iron saws, knives and other tools having been found by Layard at Nineveh. Homer refers to the forging of iron, while the hardening and tempering of steel appear to have been operations in common use among the early Greeks. The employment of a kind of bellows for the forging of tools, presumably of iron, figures in Egyptian sculpture of 1500 B. C. Cast iron appears to have been discovered about 350 B. C. Through the agency of the Romans the manufacture of iron was introduced all over the then known world and into those regions where it had not been previously known. --New York American.

Nice Discrimination.

"Stop!" cried an author to a maid-servant. "What papers are you burning there?"

"It's all right, sir," was the reply. "These are only the old sheets covered with writing. I haven't touched the clean ones."

Although vanity is supposed to be a feminine trait, one doesn't have to scratch very deep to find it in a man. --Chicago News.

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GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATING SO-CALLED SPANISH SWINDLE

Department of State Takes
up Matter with Consul
in Spain.

LOCAL PEOPLE INTERESTED

Two Letters Sent Here Through
Which Attempt Was Made
to Secure Money.

Word has been received in Charleroi to the effect that the United States government will take up the matter of a band of Spanish swindlers, that are operating in various towns and cities in Spain who make a practice of writing to persons in the United States respecting the imprisonment of a relative and the guardianship of a child. Two letters trying to work the swindle game were received in Charleroi during the past year, the first coming to Lee Lutes, and the second to David Wagner. Fortunately they were recognized in the light of their true value, and no attention paid them.

The Department of State at Washington of the U. S. Government is working through the American-Consul General at Barcelona, Spain. The plan of the swindlers is to write to residents of the United States, the writer stating that he is confined in a prison and about to die, asks that his daughter be taken care of. There is a valise in a certain place containing a sum of money, but which takes a deposit to get it released. In case the person to whom the letter is addressed will agree to make the deposit and secure the valise, he is promised one-fourth of a large fortune. An alleged priest is brought into the limelight, and asks, finally by writing a letter in which he states that the unhappy prisoner was dead, and asking that immediate relief be extended that the poor daughter might be taken care of. Many extend this asked for relief, and make the deposit for the valise, thinking thereby they will profit, but after that everything is dropped.

The letters received in Charleroi were somewhat different however, but bearing the near marks of being written by the same persons. They were to the effect that a noted Russian banker has absconded leaving a deficit of some millions of rubles, killed in a quarrel in England another Russian, and finally took refuge in Spain, where he was apprehended and charged with manslaughter. The remainder of the story is practically the same. Every effort has been made by the Department of State and its representatives in Spain to unmask these scoundrels and bring them to justice. The Spanish law is peculiar however, in that felony must be committed before the police may act, and in this case, there would be no felony, until after the crime had been committed and then it would be too late.

Night School

Get out of the rut—a business education in Douglas College will help you—it has others. Limited offer, good until Jan. 3, 1910, is \$20 with free books. Some who begun a year ago are now in good positions. More positions now than we can fill. You can't get up, you know, without an education. Take this chance and read yourself right.

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Two Cent Fare Gets Good Jolt

Judge Van Swearingen Hands
Down Important Opinion
in Fayette.

The 2-cent fare on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad in Fayette county ended yesterday afternoon when Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen handed down a decree granting a permanent injunction against Fayette county, restraining it from prosecuting the railroad in case the 2-cent fare law is violated. The railroad asked an injunction, claiming it could not operate under the 2 cent rate.

THROWN OUT OF SALOON

Two Are Held in Connection
with Death of Monongahela Man.

Charles Cunningham, and Harry Thorne, of Clarksburg, W. Va., were held under bond by the coroner's jury yesterday, in connection with the death of George Boalo, at Clarksburg, on last Sunday morning. Boalo was a Monongahela man, who had been employed as a glassworker in Clarksburg.

On Saturday night at 12 o'clock he was ejected from the Traders' saloon, it is stated, and from the force fell to the pavement, his skull being fractured in two places. He was picked up and taken to the lockup where a physician was called, but who failed to recognize the danger, and did practically nothing. The next morning another physician was called and had the man taken to the hospital, where he died at 10 o'clock. It is intimated that there will be some sensational developments.

DANCE INTERESTING AFFAIR LAST NIGHT

The first dance of a series of three subscription dances being given by a party of Charleroi young people was held at the Bank of Charleroi Hall last evening. The crowd was not large, but an enjoyable time was had by all those who attended. A buffet lunch was served at about 11 o'clock. There were a number out of town guests present, among them being: Miss Dora Potter of Mansfield, Ohio, H. Dallas McCabe, Miss Dorothy Ferran and William Cleavenger, of Monessen; Misses Jean and Mildred Brown, Mrs. C. E. Miller and Miss Laura Hale, of Pittsburg; Benjamin Binns and Roland Hoops of Donora.

The second dance of the series will be held on Tuesday, January 25, to be known as the New Year Dance. Last night's affair was known as the Christmas Dance, and the hall was beautifully decorated, a Christmas tree forming a part of the decoration. The patronesses were: Mrs. George W. Cooper, Mrs. J. Clive Enos, Mrs. L. P. Flickenger, Jr., Mrs. George W. Night, and Mrs. Earl E. Piper.

DETECTIVES AND POSTAL OFFICERS SEARCHING FOR CLUES TO BURGLARY

Letter Containing Nearly \$40 Opened Apparently
While in Transit and the Amount
Taken Therefrom.

MONEY WAS SENT BY MONESSEN WOMAN TO SISTER

United States inspectors and detectives are at work on a postal irregularity that is confined to the narrow limits of the territory between Monessen and West Brownsville. A letter mailed at Monessen one day last week was rifled of \$38.40, the envelope being found open by the rural free delivery carrier of route No. 1 out of Brownsville. Mrs. Mary Crouch of Centerville, this county, has property in Monessen and has been accustomed to receive the rentals in currency by mail from her sister, Mrs. Alice Sibbitt, of Monessen, who collects them and sends the money by letter to Centerville. This place has no bank or postoffice to cash orders. All other remittances have gone through safely, but it appears that the forty cents in change gave this letter away. No clue of theft has been discovered as yet.

Too Much Mustard for Jennie Hardsock who Has Rep for Cussing

Squire with Funny Name Counts
up \$21 Worth for Woman
with Funnier Name.

Cussing doesn't pay in Claysville, especially when it happens in the hearing and jurisdiction of Justice W. M. Mustard, of that borough. This intelligence was sadly learned by Jennie Hardsock, also known as Jeanie Brownlee, yesterday morning when she was arraigned before Justice Mustard for a hearing on the charge of drunk and disorderly.

She indulged in remarks while the hearing was in progress which were said to be decidedly unseemly for a justice's office. Cuss words were frequent and after being admonished that they were expensive, court was kept, and when the hearing was over eight dollars worth of cussedness was charged up. This with a fine of \$10 and costs made a total of \$21, and this not being forthcoming, Officer Leard installed the culprit in Sheriff Murphy's domicile in Washington.

The three men arrested Monday night at the Hardsock home on the charge of drunk and disorderly were given the same fine with the alternative of 30 days in Washington. "Jim Tom" Clemens paid, "Skinny," Marshman and Frank Anderson did not; ergo they are thinking the matter over in the county home for delinquents.

CORONER'S JURY SAYS M'MAHAN'S DEATH WAS NOT DUE TO ACCIDENT

Condition was Chronic, and
Injuries Did Not Occasion
His Demise.

The funeral of Alexander McMahoney, of Monessen was held this morning from St. Leonard's Catholic church, Monessen. A post mortem examination of the body was made yesterday afternoon, and a coroner's inquest held by Coroner McMurry, of Westmoreland county, to inquire into the cause of his death. The jury rendered a verdict to the effect that death was resultant to a "hemorrhage following a calcareous degeneration of the brain." Physicians testified that his death was not occasioned by the effects of the accident sustained by McMahon in November, when he was injured by a fall.

Slackwater Ice Bound

The U. S. Engineers' steamboat, Slackwater, is ice bound up the river at Morgantown, W. Va., where she was located before the present cold weather set in. As the Slackwater's headquarters are at North Charleroi, many of the crew are residents of this community, and have not been able to visit their families for some time.

Anderson Wins

The contest which has been on for second lieutenant of Company A, at Monongahela, made vacant by the promotion of Lieut. H. Edson Teaple, has been amicably settled by one of the candidates, J. Harry Loutitt, withdrawing in favor of his opponent, George A. Anderson.

O'Leary Wins

John O'Leary defeated Joseph Glancy for National delegate to the miners' convention at Indianapolis at an election by the local Alice mine at Roscoe last night. The election was a hot one, and several National organizers were present in the community during the campaign. Mr. O'Leary has attended conventions, and is well qualified for the position.

Viewers Appointed

Viewers from Uniontown that viewers have been appointed by the Fayette county court to act in the effort to secure a joint county bridge between Belle Vernon and Speers. The Civic Club of the former place is backing the project.

WOMAN DIES FROM WOUNDS RECEIVED ON NOVEMBER 29

Larger Business
Means More Deaths

Fatalities Increase on Account
of the Extra Amount of
Traffic.

The State Railroad Commission records show 104 fatal and 840 non-fatal accidents on the railroads of Pennsylvania in November, as compared with 79 fatal and 664 non-fatal accidents in the same month last year. The trolley lines in November killed 18 and hurt 292, as compared with 17 killed and 274 hurt in November, 1908. The increased casualties on the steam roads are attributed to the large volume of business.

LOCAL MEN DELEGATES

Y. M. C. A. Convention in
Rochester, N. Y., will
be Big Affair.

William ("Bull") McCleary and Alex. Gray, two prominent gridiron athletes, left Charleroi last evening for Rochester, N. Y., as delegates from the Pennsylvania State College to the great annual student volunteer Y. M. C. A. convention. The convention will this year be attended by over 6,000 delegates, representing every college in America. President Taft will probably be among the many prominent men to address this earnest body of college men. The record this year shows that Yale stands first among all the colleges with an enrollment of 1,020 active members. Penn State is second with 980 members out of a student body of 1,450, while Dartmouth is third with 700 Y. M. C. A. workers. Captain "Ted" Coy the Yale gridiron star will lead the delegation from that place of fifty men. Among State's thirty-five representatives are five varsity foot ball men—McCleary, Gray, Voorhis, Piolette and Brown. Captain Tobin of Dartmouth will also be at the gathering.

COAL FALLS ON BRAKEMAN'S HEAD

Scalp Wound Results Which
Necessitates Attention
of Physician.

D. A. Hiller, a brakeman on the local division of the P. R. R., was injured last night about the head, while making a coupling of coal cars, near the Charleroi coal mines. Hiller was in between two cars, when a lump of coal from one of the cars fell, striking him on the head. The injury was dressed by Dr. J. K. Smith, and the man taken to his home in Elrama. The accident happened at about 8:30 o'clock.

Beat His Mother-in-Law

Washington has a citizen who beat his mother-in-law. This is John Depeo, who did the deed last night while intoxicated, and he was locked up for the offense.

County Has Added Another
Murder to Its Already
Large List.

REFERRED TO CORONER

Likely Some Action Will be
Taken Soon to Apprehend One
Said to be Criminal.

At an inquest held in Pittsburg on Thursday of last week before James P. Loughery, deputy coroner, the jury found that Maud Walters came to her death on Friday, December 2, at the West Penn hospital, Pittsburg, from injuries received by being struck over the head with a chair in the hands of William Price, at the home of William Walker at Primrose, Washington county, on November 29, 1909.

The matter has been referred to this county for further investigation and a copy of the proceedings before the Allegheny county coroner has been received by Coroner James T. Heffran. William Price is a fugitive from justice.

The testimony before the coroner's jury brought out the fact that the trouble, in which Miss Walters was injured, occurred at the home of William Walker, in block 15 of the Carnegie Coal company's houses at Primrose. Mrs. Lulu Brown, a sister of the dead woman, testified that William Price, William Walker and others were at the Walker home on the night of November 29. During the evening a quarrel arose among the persons there, a fight started, and during the melee William Price struck Miss Walters over the head with a chair. The sister said she was removed from the Walker home to her house, and Dr. J. M. Moore of Midway, was called. He sent the woman to the West Penn hospital, Pittsburg, where she died on December 2.

Dr. W. H. Weber testified that the woman died from a fractured skull and concussion of the brain.

Coroner Heffran will take the matter up with District Attorney C. L. V. Acheson and steps may be taken to apprehend Price.

TURNERS HOLD ENTERTAINMENT

Children Given Their Annual
Christmas Treat Last
Night.

The Charleroi Turn Verein held their annual Christmas entertainment and gave their annual Children's treat last night at the Turner Hall. The usual Christmas tree was in evidence, and the various children of the members were given treats consisting of the finest boxes of candy, apples and oranges. The members were remembered with nice tokens.

The entertainment was most enjoyable. Music was furnished by the Turn Verein orchestra, and the Palace Theatre orchestra. The hall was crowded, and the affair was regarded as one of the most enjoyable ever held by the local society.

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LOCAL AGENCIES

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Dec. 29 in American History.

1778—Savannah, Ga., captured by the British.
1805—Andrew Johnson, seventeenth president of the United States, born; died 1875.
1850—Battle of Wounded Knee Creek, between Sioux hostiles and United States soldiers.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 4:57. Rises 7:23. Moon sets 7:37 p. m.

The Two-Cent Rate

Judge Van Swearingen's decree yesterday, granting a permanent injunction against Fayette county restraining it from prosecuting the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company for violating the two-cent fare law, removes the last trace of that legislative act in this section of the State. This act, which was designed to restrict railroads from charging excessive rates, and limiting the passenger rate to two cents a mile, has been declared unconstitutional by the courts, on the grounds that the State cannot compel a corporation to whom it grants a charter to charge a certain rate if that concern can show that its business is unprofitable by reason of that rate. As this was easy to do, in the face of watered stock, over-capitalization and skillful bookkeeping, railroads are once more privileged to charge all that the public will stand.

Perhaps if all railroad franchises to be granted hereafter were subject to a two-cent passenger rate, means would be found to compel existing railroads enjoying State franchises to comply with the same regulation. It was the late President Garfield who contended that a constitutional provision, State or National, was not final. "The people created it," he argued, "and they have the inalienable right to change it to meet existing conditions. Surely, the creator is greater than the creature." Had a two-cent passenger rate been a stipulation with every railroad charter granted, it would have been no trouble at all for any of the companies to comply with its provisions. This is a matter that can still be remedied, if the people go after it persistently and patiently.

Public Bath Houses

The erection of a mammoth bath house for the use of the miners at the Marianna mines by the Pittsburgh-Buffalo Coal company is putting into operation a civic feature practiced by many of the large municipalities of European countries. In these cities are erected public bath houses which working people can not only use daily for personal purposes, but where women can for a nominal sum do their family washing and ironing. While some of the other mines in this section have installed this feature as a

side issue, the Marianna people will conduct it on a scale that makes it a part of the operation of the plant.

Those who are at all acquainted with mining operations are aware of the difficulties and inconveniences that surround the miners in this respect. Few of the homes are equipped with bath rooms where those who work in the pit can perform the daily ablutions necessary to those who follow that occupation. In many instances the living room is utilized as a bath room, particularly in the foreign quarters, which are more or less crowded. This adds to the squalid conditions that prevail in the homes of many of these foreigners who follow mining and other public works. The action of the Pittsburgh-Buffalo company will do much to raise the standard in the homes of its operatives, and it will be far reaching.

Wild Cat Schemes

The action of the Butler Chamber of Commerce in conducting a campaign of education to show up wild cat stock propositions in their true light is one that can be followed with profit in any community. No town has suffered more than Charleroi in this respect, and the hundreds of thousands of dollars that have been dumped into gold mining and other worthless schemes during the past few years bear eloquent attest to the guiltility of those who are attracted by the lure of the strange. It is stated by one who has kept close to this sort of business that half a million dollars is not too large a sum to estimate for the amount that has been expended in Charleroi in worthless securities or in schemes at a distance that did not "pan out."

Had this amount been invested in small industries or other business enterprises here at home where the stockholders would have had a voice in the conduct of the business, in all probability the bulk of it would today be realizing at least legal interest to the investors, besides producing valuable products and furnishing employment to more people. The co-operative store here is an example of what can be done in this line. Many small business enterprises that were perfectly feasible have languished or failed entirely for lack of adequate working capital to put them on a stable basis. It is the multitude of small concerns that go to make up a prosperous community, and the opportunities here at home are infinitely safer for investment than any of the wild cat schemes that are now being promoted with the return of prosperity.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

An ordinance book may prove mighty dull reading for some people, but to the man who is intending committing a felony, it might be regarded as a standard publication.

Now here's a man who truly appreciates the right of women to vote. When a man started to play with a gun he placed himself behind a woman's skirts.

The valuation of Greene county has increased somewhat, according to the reports of assessors. Upon what provocation?

An asylum has been proffered Zelaya. The question is will he have sense enough left to take advantage of this ingenious offer for his safety?

The Connellsville region has become a regular roosting place for crooks. Wonder if its because of the warmth from the coke ovens?

What's the use of discovering the North Pole if you are unable to lecture about it?

When the United States government goes to work to protect their people from swindlers in Europe, you can bet your bottom dollar they are going to protect them if they have to lick all the countries of that continent.

Some people are never so happy as when they get to cleaning up.

While a short time ago it was a question of finding the North Pole, now it is a question of finding Dr. Cook.

"Dam the Yough" is the cry of Connellsville residents. Yes, con-

found it, dam it, and quit your cursing.

It's up to some fellow to write a poem on the snow, the snow the beautiful snow, that will fit the present conditions. He don't need to care much what he says, but heaven help the man who prints it.

The Christmas turkey is generally being finished up about three days after with turkey soup.

THE STATE POLICE

In view of our own Christmas experiences in the matter of lawlessness, the following from the Philadelphia Press in regard to the State police is timely. The Press says:

"The atrocious assault and robbery of a farmer and his wife near Media calls attention again to the helplessness of the dwellers in the country without the protection of police. Criminals care nothing for municipal boundaries. They are more booty can be obtained there by the same effort, but they are ready to invade the most peaceful hamlet if a rumor of money stored there lures them. Some of the worst cases of burglary, arson and murder have taken place in the country. It's there that protection should be given."

"Our State constabulary are doing a noble work in maintaining order and affording protection to different points in the Commonwealth. But they are a mere handful. What is needed in addition is a mounted rural police. Some of the suburban townships near Philadelphia have had the protection of such a body, but it has never been adapted and maintained as a system. Property of value is exposed in the country districts at the danger of robbery, human life is not safe, and unprotected women live in great peril because lawlessness is unopposed by a visible representation of the power of the law."

"The country districts, especially the densely populated counties in this section of the State, should have better protection. A mounted rural police would keep an oversight over traps and suspicious characters, compel them to explain their business and arrest them if they cannot give a good account of themselves. Saturday tagrants would no longer terrorize the country if such a force were in existence. A rural police would make a neighborhood undesirable for the evildoers, who prefer places where there is no probability of their being questioned before their crime is committed or interfered with when engaged in it, and arrested and punished if they persist in their evil course and actually commit the crime which they have in their hearts."

"A city would not be habitable without a police force to keep the criminals in awe. The country side would be infinitely more desirable for residence if its dangers were offset and checked by a mounted rural police."

MADE HIT WITH ACT

IN THE FAR WEST

C. W. Albright, Jr., Otherwise "The Great Vandergould" Returns Home.

C. W. Albright, Jr., known to the stage as "The Great Vandergould," returned yesterday from the far Southwest where he has been playing on the Great Western circuit. Albright has made a great hit in the west with his handcliff, milk can, and other acts, and is proving one of the most popular men on the Great Western. He came here direct from Texas, where he has spent most of the time during the past few months. He played in Oklahoma, New Mexico and other Southwestern States, and was in Mexico for awhile. His assistant, Charles W. Russell, stopped off en route at Kansas City for a while but will likely arrive here in the course of a day or two.

WAS THE FOURTH OF A GENERATION

Robert Woods, Jr., four months old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woods, of Vesta, died Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock. Interment was in Howe's cemetery. The death of the child breaks an interesting line. Two weeks ago there were four generations living of the Robert Woods family—now there are but two. The child's great-grandfather died about a fortnight ago.

WOMAN IS CHARGED WITH THE LARCENY OF DIAMOND RING

Charged with theft of a diamond ring valued at \$125 and belonging to Dr. H. H. Lewis, of South Wades avenue, Washington, Mrs. Harry Radcliffe who resides in the Gordon valley was Monday evening arrested by State Trooper D. W. Bell and lodged in the county jail to await a hearing on charges of larceny and larceny by bailles. Local officers had been on the hunt of Mrs. Radcliffe since December 21, when Robert Snowden, aged 21 years, was arrested by Constable E. E. Cummins on similar charges.

An unusual story is back of the arrest of Mrs. Radcliffe and Snowden. According to the statements of the officers in the case Mrs. Radcliffe some months ago borrowed \$25 from Dr. Lewis giving a diamond ring as security. Some time later she sent the money to the physician by Snowden and Dr. Lewis gave the young man what he thought was Mrs. Radcliffe's ring. Shortly afterwards Mrs. Radcliffe returned this ring by Snowden stating it was not hers and Dr. Lewis gave Snowden another diamond ring he had in his safe at the time.

A few days later he discovered he had given Snowden a valuable ring belonging to Mrs. Lewis and he notified Mrs. Radcliffe to this effect. A ring was at once sent to Dr. Lewis but an examination by a local jeweler showed this ring to be worth about \$1.50. Dr. Lewis at once made information against Mrs. Radcliffe and Snowden.

Snowden was quickly arrested but Mrs. Radcliffe vanished. It is said she went from Washington to Pittsburgh. After the failure to locate the woman the State police were called in the case and Trooper Bell went to Pittsburgh, where he learned Mrs. Radcliffe had left that city. It is said she went from there to her former home at Elm Grove. Monday evening she returned home and shortly afterwards Trooper Bell appeared at the home and placed her under arrest. She was unable to secure bail when taken to the justice's office and was placed in jail.

Mrs. Radcliffe has been in the lime-light before. About two years ago she was shot in her own home, it being claimed she had attempted to end her life. She hovered for weeks between life and death, but finally recovered.

IT'S YOUR KIDNEYS

Don't Mistake the Cause of Your Troubles. A Charleroi Citizen Shows How to Cure Them.

Many people never suspect their kidneys. If suffering from a lame, weak or aching back they think that it is only a muscular weakness; when urinary trouble sets in they think it will soon correct itself. And so it is with all the other symptoms of kidney disorders. That is just where the danger lies. You must cure these troubles or they may lead to diabetes or Bright's disease. The best remedy to use is Doan's Kidney Pills. It cures all ills which are caused by weak or diseased kidneys. Charleroi people testify to permanent cures.

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Monessen Woman Fortunate

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PROMOTERS BUSY AT PRESENT TIME OVER THE COUNTRY

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"Now that the evidences of returning prosperity are on every hand, the circulating of the 'sucker list' as it is known, is again commencing. A 'sucker' in the parlance of the promoter is one who subscribes for so many shares of stock in some concern hundreds of miles away and about which he knows absolutely nothing except what is printed on the glowing literature of the promoters."

"It is estimated that in the three or four years preceding the panic, fully half a million dollars went out of New Castle for which absolutely no return was received except a lot of gaudily printed stock certificates. This estimate does not include the thousands of dollars lost by the 'investors' in the Amsterdam Diamond company, which went a little in advance of the ordinary 'get rich quick' proposition and was impudent enough to open an office right here in the city."

"If the thousands who have lost their hard earnings in alleged gold mines could go out through the Rocky mountain and see the hundreds of little holes where prospectors have dug a few feet into the ground and then capitalized their excavation at anywhere from \$10,000 to \$100,000, and sold stock to Eastern investors, they would never again bite at a gold stock proposition, no matter how much gilt was used in printing the literature."

"Realizing the tendency of the public to invest in worthless stocks on the mere promises of unknown promoters, the Butler Chamber of Commerce is just now conducting a campaign of education. Several meetings have been held at which business men have shown up the wild cat stock proposition in its true light. Citizens are being urged to invest their money in home industries and it is being shown that the half million which is said to have been sent out of Butler for worthless stock would have brought to the city industries which would have been of permanent benefit to the community."

"The same benefits could be secured for New Castle if the money which is being squandered for stock certificates of no more value than the paper upon which they were written, was subscribed to help some home industry. There are hundreds of people in New Castle who could subscribe for stock in some small industry here if the opportunity were presented, and instead of the city being at a stand still, it might be going forward like Youngstown and some other towns in this vicinity."

"All that New Castle needs is a Chamber of Commerce, or some other body of men, who can throw aside selfish interests and get busy for the common good of the city. Then be money that is being sent away for worthless stock certificates can be kept at home."

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LINK SMITH DIES AT COUNTY HOME

Word was received this morning from the county home at Arden of the death there of Link Smith, colored, who was taken there about a week ago, suffering from tuberculosis. Smith died at 5 o'clock this morning. It will be remembered that it was his wife who is charged with having tried to burn up a house on Lookout avenue in which resided a family by the name of Pesse and the Smiths themselves. At this time Link Smith was scarcely able to move from his bed, but he was taken to the county home a few weeks later, on account of there being no one to take care of him. It is likely that the body will be buried in the county burying ground.

Ordinance No.

An ordinance vacating part of Fifth street between East Railroad Street and West Railroad Street.

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Burgess and the Town Council of the Borough of North Charleroi, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same that that part of Fifth Street bounded and described as follows: From the West Side of East Railroad Street to the East Side of West Railroad Street. Being the present Fifth street, crossing over the Pennsylvania Railroad be and the same is hereby vacated.

Enacted into an ordinance this day of—1910.

President of Council.

Secretary. D22 29, 35

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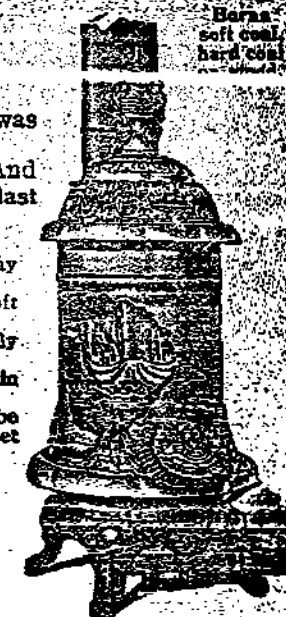
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LOCAL NOTES

Brief Mention of People and Events in this Community.

Miss Margaret Brightwell of Fallowfield avenue is spending the day in Donora with friends.

F. C. MacHale is spending the day in Pittsburg visiting friends and transacting business.

Mrs. W. H. Reese left yesterday for Clearfield, where she spent some time with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Thomas and children of Arnold, were here yesterday to attend the funeral of Virginia Rouse, at North Charleroi.

Miss Harriett Jolliffe and Bruce Barnett were in Pittsburg last evening to witness "Ben Hur," at the Nixon theatre.

Miss Dora Potter, of Mansfield, Ohio, is a guest of her uncle, William Potter, a few days.

Oscar Weinberg spent yesterday afternoon and last evening in Pittsburg at his home.

Miss Mabel Mountsier, an instructor in Miss Jacobs' private school in New York city, is home visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mountsier, during the holidays.

Mrs. Harry Cook of Urbana, Ohio, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Allie Emrick, of Fallowfield avenue.

Robert Mountsier, a student at Columbia University in New York, is home for the holiday vacation.

Police Officer George McEldowney is transacting business today in Pittsburg.

Miss Laura Hale of Pittsburg is a guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. Clive Esos, of Crest avenue.

Misses Mildred and Jean Brown, of Pittsburg are spending a few days in Charleroi the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Ferguson.

Mrs. W. H. Harper of Meadville is a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. O. Davis of Fallowfield avenue. She is accompanied by her daughter, Miss Florence Harper.

First Presbyterian church, on Sunday was presented with a purse of \$50 by the Ladies Aid society of the church. The John G. Paton Bible class, of which he is his teacher in the Sunday school, presented him with a handsome Bible of the best make.

JACOB GLASSER

GETS IN WRONG

Despite the fact that he was taking no part, Christmas festivities resulted in a peculiar manner rather seriously to Jacob Glasser, a coal miner of Suiger, this county. He is now in a Pittsburg hospital suffering from a bullet wound in his side. His condition is very serious.

Glasser resides in a double house, the other side of which is occupied by Lindsay Edwards, a colored man. On Christmas night when the festivities were at their height William Palmer a colored man, entered the Edwards home. He entered into the enjoyment of the evening with ten other men and in some manner a large 44 caliber revolver dropped from Palmer's pocket to the floor. The weapon was discharged and the ball went tearing through the dividing wall of the house. Glasser was quietly sleeping on the other side of the thin partition and the bullet entered his side.

AGED CARMICHAELS

RESIDENT IS DEAD

Edward Stilwell, one of the best known citizens of Carmichaels, died suddenly at 11 o'clock Monday night at the Hotel Wills, at McDonald, Pa., where he was visiting his nephew, Mr. Wills, who is the proprietor of the hotel. Mr. Stilwell, who was 73 years of age, had been in his usual robust health up to the time of his retiring on Monday evening, and his sudden death came as a great shock to his friends and relatives. Mr. Stilwell was born in England and came to this country when a boy of 14 years. He was a prominent and long time member of the Carmichaels lodge I. O. O. F., and was a staunch Republican in politics. He is survived by four sons and two daughters, as follows: George and William, of Carmichaels; Simon, of Masontown; Edward, of San Francisco, Cal.; Mrs. Albert Metz, of Lock No. 4, and

The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon, from his late home. Interment in Laurel Point cemetery.

Read the Mail

Wedding Tonight

At the home of Rev. J. T. Hackett, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, this evening will take place the wedding of Miss Cora M. Kline and Frank L. McClure, both of Charleroi. Mr. McClure is a well known merchant, and Miss Kline is one of Charleroi's popular and accomplished young ladies.

AN INTELLIGENT DOG.

What a Clever Collie Did With His Master's Plaid.
The shepherds who live among the hills and on the plains of Scotland have to travel many miles a day while looking after their flocks of sheep, but they would have to travel a great deal more if they had not with them some very clever collie dogs.

These little four footed friends are so wise and clever that their masters could not do without them. To show you how clever these doggies are the following story is told of one of them: One day a Scotch shepherd was caught in a rain shower, and when he arrived home his plaid, which he wore over his back in place of an overcoat, was quite wet through.

But he just took it off and gave it to his collie dog, and doggie at once went into another room, carrying the plaid in his mouth.

And what do you think he did with it there? Why, to the astonishment of an English gentleman who had followed to watch doggie went and sat on the hearth in front of a big fire and there he held out the plaid over his paw.

And he turned it about and about in front of the fire until both sides of the plaid were quite dry. Then he took it back to his master.

More Than Liberal.

Mr. Highmuss—You gave your son a liberal education, did you not? Mr. Muntoburn—Disgustingly liberal. His four years at college cost me \$27,000. Chicago Tribune.

The Chauffeur's Rescue.

An elderly colonel in a New York club is very inquisitive, and there is no question he hesitates to ask. The other day he saw drawn up before a hotel a fine motor car, and at the wheel of the car sat a chauffeur who had formerly been in his own employ. The colonel stopped and asked the chauffeur who his master was, how he liked his job and what wages he drew. The chauffeur answered these questions politely. There was a cold shiver in his eye, though, as he was going for an opening. "It came when I was an inquisitive old colonel," said "Er—Gaston," what—er—how—did your employer pay for this car? "The fact is, sir," the chauffeur answered promptly, "I never had the impudence to ask him."

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to give those an opportunity who could not attend, and at the same time to clean up our odds and ends. Remember we still have big bargains in Good Footwear and it will pay you to attend while you get the chance to buy Shoes and Rubbers when you need them at

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ARE TOO BUSY TO SHUT DOWN

Only Short Vacation Is Given Wage Earners For Christmas Celebration

DEMANDS ARE VERY URGENT

State Newspapers Tell Eloquent Stories of Prosperity in Their Several Sections--Brief But Eloquent Editorial on the Tariff--Hint to Rural Republicans.

Reports are that the holiday business in every section of Pennsylvania was unusually good and from many sections of the State come the comforting report that all records were broken by the volume of business done. The people had an abundance of money. The merchants had confidence and a great variety of wares.

The Christmas business throughout Pennsylvania tells an eloquent story of prosperous conditions in a prosperous State. Such conditions promote general contentment and advance the helpful feelings which have been manifesting themselves since the enactment by the United States Congress of the tariff legislation which is now the law.

Probably the surest and safest guarantee of the prosperous conditions now prevailing in the industrial world of this State is to be found in the official statement issued from the big iron and steel mills at Braddock and Rankin, the Westinghouse works at Wilmerding and East Pittsburgh, the iron and steel mills at Sharon and many of the industries in and about Pittsburgh. All these works were closed on Friday afternoon last for Christmas day. The workmen at a majority of the places were paid the wages they had earned up to that time and with the pay envelopes came to each of the vast army of wage earners that the mills would not follow the usual custom of remaining idle during the entire holiday week but would resume work on Monday morning of this week, which was done.

This was not a charitable turn. It was simply necessary to meet the demands of business. It was the result, pure and simple, of the magnificent tariff legislation under which the business conditions of the United States are now operating.

The Washington (Pa.) "Record," the leading Republican newspaper of Washington county, where 10 years ago the principal industry was sheep raising, but which today is one of the leading counties of the State in industrial development, gives out this cheerful Christmas story:

"Fire is being placed in 150 of the new coke ovens recently constructed at Brazzill, near Bentleyville. One hundred and fifty of the 300 ovens have already been fired and it is expected that the entire number will soon be ready for use.

"The washer which is being constructed at the same point is nearing completion. All the coal from the mines between Bentleyville and Monongahela will be coked at Brazzill and the first of the year will see one of the greatest industrial booms that has ever visited that section of the county."

No wonder that the rich and poor alike enjoyed the Christmas festival this year as it has rarely been enjoyed before and is it therefore any great wonder that the wage earner and wage payer join heartily in approval of the brief but eloquent editorial recently written by the editor of the "Keystone Gazette," of Bellefonte Pa. Incidentally the "Keystone Gazette" is one of the very best Republican papers in this or any other State. It is read with interest wherever it circulates. Its editor says:

"Anybody who still talks Tariff, and who is trying to create discussion, is an enemy to the Republican party, an enemy to business and an enemy to progress and prosperity. The new Tariff has injured no one. It is not going to injure anyone. It is going to bring us the greatest measure of prosperity we ever enjoyed. As the president says, it is the duty of every one to give it a chance. Confidence is restored. Capital is confident and plentiful--full employment and high wages will follow. Let the Democrats and Populists and insurgents keep up the debate if they will, but let every good Republican accept the law his party passed and his President signed and get all the benefits that are coming from renewed industrial activity and record breaking production, transportation and trade."

In the face of existing conditions the "Keystone Gazette" has left precious little to be said on the tariff question. The advice is good. It is being accepted generally in generous portions. The boom in business and the very general celebration of Christmas are the proofs. Prosperity, head

On a Christmas eve, when the lights were being halted or stayed by those who have theories only to exploit. The "New Kensington, Keystone" gives the following timely advice: "Saturday, January 1, is the last day for filing petitions of candidates for borough and township offices to be

filed at the February election. The winter primaries will be held on Saturday, the 22d. of January, and the petitions must be filed in the county commissioners' office not later than three weeks before the primaries. These petitions must be signed by not less than ten qualified electors of the district in which the candidates reside and the signers must all belong to the same party as the candidate. "A good plan is for the Republicans of each district to hold a naming meeting before the 1st of January. Get at least ten Republicans together, or as many more if possible, and each can sign the petitions of all the candidates named. Blank forms of petitions can be procured from the clerk to the commissioners upon application."

AFTER THE BATTLE

An Incident That Seemed to Explain Joshua's Miracle.

There was an incident in our life at Brandy, connected with Gettysburg, which is worth relating. Batchelder, whose wife, of the late General of Gettysburg is authority and whom we had fallen in with while we were there, asked to join our mess at Brandy when he came to the army to verify the positions of the various commands. One night he came to our tent, and when he entered our big hospital tent, quite tired.

"Well," he announced after taking his place at the table, "I have been down in the Second corps today, and I believe I have discovered how Joshua made the sun stand still. I first went to -- regiment and had the officers mark on the map the location of their position at a certain point. Then I went to -- regiment in the same brigade. They declared positively it was one or two hours earlier or later than that given by the other. So it went on, no two regiments or brigades agreeing, and if I hinted that some of them must certainly be mistaken they would set me down by saying with severe dignity, 'We were there, Batchelder, and we ought to know, I guess,' and I made up my mind that it would take a day of at least twenty hours instead of thirteen at Gettysburg to satisfy their accounts. So when Joshua's captains got around him after the fight and they began to talk it over the only way under the heavens that he could ever harmonize their statements was to make the sun stand still and give them all a chance."

Any one who has ever tried to establish the exact position or hour when anything took place in an engagement will confirm Batchelder's experience and possibly, if not too orthodox, accept his explanation of Joshua's feat. --Morris Schaff in Atlantic.

An Insignificant Beggar.

Flashing a roll of bills in the face of a haughty individual who had refused to give him alms and who had added further insults to this injury by heaping ridicule upon him, a very typical beggar at Coyacan pulled off a stunt that brought down tears upon the uncharitable young man. This beggar would have passed muster anywhere for one of the finished type and could safely have walked unarmed at midnight through a wilderness infested with thieves without his poverty once being questioned. There was not a whole thread in the warp and woof of his shirt that extended from seam to seam, and only an expert sartorial artist could have detected which openings were those originally made in the garment for putting it on and off. Just what portion of those rags was solid and strong enough to retain the roll of bills is a marvellous enigma. --Mexican Herald.

Likewise Mistaken.

A small boy was fishing on Sunday morning. He had a basket of fish alongside of him. A clergyman happened to see him and, going over to where he was busily watching the job, said:

"You naughty, cruel boy! Don't you know that it is a sin to fish on the Sabbath? Besides the sin, think of the cruelty of it--taking the poor little worm out of the ground and sticking that nasty sharp hook through its body."

"That ain't no worm. That's an artificial fly," answered the boy.

"Ah, I was mistaken," said the preacher.

"So were these fish," said the boy, picking up the basket and showing them to the clergyman. --New York Sun.

The Use of Iron.

Iron has been known to men for a very long time. In the time of the Assyrians it was extensively used, iron saws, knives and other tools having been found by Layard at Nineveh. Homer refers to the forging of iron, while the hardening and tempering of steel appear to have been operations in common use among the early Greeks. The employment of a kind of bellows for the forging of tools, presumably of iron, figures in Egyptian sculpture of 1500 B. C. Cast iron appears to have been discovered about 350 B. C. Through the agency of the Romans the manufacture of iron was introduced all over the then known world and into those regions where it had not been previously known. --New York American.

Nice Discrimination.

"Stop!" cried an author to a maid-servant. "What papers are you burning there?"

"These are only the old sheets covered with writing. I haven't touched the clean ones."

Although vanity is supposed to be a feminine trait, one doesn't have to scratch very deep to find it in a man. --Chicago News.